

ACTING CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Residents:

After completing an extensive executive search utilizing the services of a professional recruitment firm, the City Council has appointed me to serve as your City Manager. The position is an awesome responsibility and I am honored to be selected. The Town staff and I will continue to do our best to efficiently deliver municipal services to you the residents.



Acting City Manager & Planning Director Carl Cahill

Senior Planner Debbie Pedro, who has been with the Town for four years, has been appointed to serve as the Town's Planning and Building Director. Debbie has a Bachelor's degree in architecture from UC Berkeley and a Master's degree in urban planning from San Jose State. She is also an AICP certified planner. All of us here are looking forward to working with Debbie in her new position.

The City Council continued a longstanding Town tradition of fiscal prudence by closing out the previous fiscal year with a small budget surplus and adopting an overall 11 million dollar budget for this coming fiscal year. See Town Finance Director's Sarah Ragsdale's report in this newsletter for more detail on the Town's revenue picture and on how your tax dollars are assiduously put to work.

This past quarter the City Council awarded contracts totaling \$1.08 million dollars for Town street improvements. These improvements include the El Monte Road and Page Mill Road street rehab program (\$652K) and the annual street resurfacing and street improvement program (\$430K). The El Monte Road street rehab project encompasses that section of roadway between Stonebrook Drive and Moody Road. The Page Mill Road project encompasses roadway segments between Berry Hill Lane and Country Way, and between Matadero Creek Lane up to the Town boundary north of Altamont Road. The annual street resurfacing and street improvement program includes various public streets that were identified for improvement by the Town's Pavement Management System program. These major capital projects are scheduled to get underway in September. If you would like more information on the Town's street improvement program, please contact City Engineer Henry Louie hlouie@losaltoshills.ca.gov. Also under construction at this time is the .25 mile Segment 1A of the El Monte Avenue/ Moody Road Pathway project. This is the first of three pathway segments that will ultimately provide a safer pedestrian connection between Foothill College parking areas and the Duveneck Windmill Trailhead off of Rhus Ridge Road.

As of February 2006, it is against State law for residents to dispose of "Universal Waste" in their common trash receptacles. Universal wastes are hazardous wastes that are generated by a wide variety of people every day. Universal waste may not be discarded in solid waste landfills. Scientists at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) have found that these wastes will leak toxic substances, mostly metals, in a typical landfill. Some examples of universal waste include: fluorescent

lights, household batteries and certain types of electronic waste (televisions, computer monitors and related computer peripherals). The City Council responded quickly to this new law by adopting a Los Altos Garbage Company proposal to host twice-annual universal waste collection events concurrent with the existing yard waste collection program at Foothill College. The next collection event is scheduled for October 28th. The Council also approved a LAGCo proposal to expand curbside recycling services by accepting most types of household type batteries. Residents may place their spent batteries in clear plastic ziplock bags and place the bags next to their recycling container for collection. No increase in garbage rates for these new services is proposed at this time.

— Carl Cahill, City Manager

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Fall & Winter Program Registration

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department began registration of the Fall and Winter programs. Registration for Los Altos Hills residents began Wednesday, August 9 and registration for non-residents began Monday, August 21. Late registration is being accepted for classes that are open. For more information on the Recreation Department's programs, call the Recreation Department at 650-941-7222 Ext. 241.

LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

Expansion of Brush Chipping Program

The LAH County Fire District is expanding the brush-chipping program from once per year to twice per year. Next year, the brush chipping will take place in January '07 and July '07.

Residents will receive a letter regarding the first new program in December '06 with chipping scheduled for January '07. (Starting: 1/1/07 thru 6/30/07)



The second program will be repeated again in June '07 with chipping in July '07. (Starting: 7/1/07 thru 12/31/07)

Be prepared to receive a letter with a card to return requesting chipping in December 2006. Chipping appointments will be made by the contractor for January 2007.

The chipping program is very successful and meets the needs to reduce potentially dangerous fuel from brush and tree branches.

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